

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Friday, June 10, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Sen. Todd Weiler

Staff Present:

Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Managing Policy Analyst
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Lucy W. Daynes, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015, and June 3, 2016, committee meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Interview of Mr. Matthew Bates

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate, Mr. Matthew Bates. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins requested that the candidate and all audience members leave the committee room for the closed portion of the meeting.

The committee met in closed session.

The committee invited the candidate into the closed session to discuss the candidate's character and professional competence.

Chair Jenkins invited the audience back into the committee room.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins noted that Mr. Bates was placed under oath by Mr. Howe when the committee met with the candidate in closed session, and that the oath would remain in effect through the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Bates introduced his family and friends in attendance. He offered a statement on his life, education, and also professional experiences that have influenced his appreciation for the judicial branch.

Mr. Bates answered questions from the committee regarding his legal experience, pre-trial release, and drug court.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Matthew Bates be confirmed as a judge on the Third District Court. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.